GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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FLOOD CONTROL IN BIHAR
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land in Bihar which gets inundated due to floods every year;

(b) whether the State Government has sent any proposal to the Union Government for flood control; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Flood prone area in undivided Bihar was assessed as 4.26 m.ha by Rashtriya Barh Ayog in 1980. The Government of Bihar has reported 6.88 m. ha as the revised flood prone area in the State to the Working Group for Flood Control for 10th Plan set up by Planning Commission. The average flood affected area in the State during 1953- 2002 is about 1.35 m. ha. with a maximum of 4.26 m.ha in 1971.

(b) & (c) No comprehensive proposal for flood control in Bihar has been received from the State Government. However out of 10 schemes received in Ganga Flood Control Commission from the Government of Bihar, 2 schemes have been returned to the State Government for which State Government themselves is competent. In respect of other schemes the comments have been communicated to the State Government, the replies of which except one are awaited.